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Docket No. 12013/50501

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS : Anthony Malone  
SERIAL NO. : 10/789,606  
FILED : February 27, 2004  
FOR : A MATRIX ASSISTED PULSED-LASER EVAPORATION  
: TECHNIQUE FOR COATING A MEDICAL DEVICE AND  
: ASSOCIATED SYSTEM AND MEDICAL DEVICE  
GROUP ART UNIT : 3763  
EXAMINER : Unassigned

Commissioner for Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows.